

7/20 15 Monthly Fort Gay Call
Participating:

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WVDEP: Scott Driver, Jeff Brady

WVDHHR: Claire Winterholler

Fort Gay: Mayor Devaney, Lee Kitts, Andrea Foley, Chuck Devaney

County Commission: Jimmy Boggs, Larry Carico

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Funding

The Commission repeated the information that had already been sent to DOJ/EPA regarding the availability of funds through the WVIJDC to pay for the preliminary engineering assessment (PER) for the wastewater treatment system, in order for a Rule 42 to be prepared:

There are two funding possibilities: 1. Soft Cost Grant Program – This program allows the Council to commit a relatively small amount of grant funds (up to \$125,000) for projects already funded through other sources that will not pay for certain non-construction, non-engineering soft costs (like easements, land acquisitions, accounting, etc.). It does not sound like Fort Gay is a candidate since the wastewater project is not already funded.

2. Pre-Application Funding Assistance Program – this may be an option in this situation. The Council may provide a small amount of grant funds to assist in paying for a portion of the cost of filing the IJDC application. Eligible expenses would include the costs of the PER, draft Rule 42, and hiring an administrator. There are some limits, however. The amount of the grant proceeds may not exceed 50% of the cost of filing the application or \$5,000 whichever is greater. Therefore, another source of funding would be needed to come up with the remaining 50% of the cost of filing the preliminary application. The Council is also limited by law to \$100,000 annually for the entire State.

However, the Commission/Fort Gay can file an initial application – which is fairly simple, in order to at least begin the process. This will be done in the next couple of weeks.

Accountant still waiting for software update to be able to complete Rule 42 for ww.

FEMA – any public assistance monies related to the flooding this spring is not expected to be available until September.

Water system –

Several homes have been transferred to the Lavalette water system.

Boil Water notice is in effect. Sediment tank at water treatment plant has been cleaned.

Wastewater system-

Cass A – overflowing, although new pump was installed. Needs new electrical control panel; is to be installed by next call.

Apperson - has been fixed as of the week of July 7.

Aerators – 2 running

Fence vandalized – police notified. Has been fixed and the trash strewn around cleaned up.

Rural Water assistance with storm water connections-

Working with Jim Johnson. Testing to be completed by the end of August. So far 8-10 lines need to be capped.

Sewer ordinance has had first reading; expected to be final by September.